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AGRICULTURE : INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH : SCHEME FOR RESEARCH ON PESTS OF PADDY IN MADRAS : FORWARDED.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Development Department.

Letter (Ms) No. 4108 Dev. Dated, the 6th August 1948

From

C.V. Narasimhan, Esq., I.C.S.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To

The Secretary to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research,
NEW DELHI.

Sir,

Sub: AGRICULTURE - Indian Council of Agriculture - Scheme for research on pets of paddy in Madras - Forwarded.

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I am directed to forward herewith a "Scheme of research on pets of paddy in Madras" prepared by the Director of Agriculture, Madras. It is proposed to work the scheme for a period of five years and it is estimated to cost Rs. 1,84,200. It is considered that the expenditure may be shared between the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the Provincial Government on a 50 : 50 basis.

I am dt to request that the sanction of the Council may kindly be obtained and communicated to this Government at an early date.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
C.V. NARASIMHAN
Deputy Secretary.

Copy to the Director of Agriculture, Madras. He is requested to submit the usual number of printed copies of the scheme for forwarding to the Council.

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No. F.23(17)/48.A.
INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH
New Delhi, dated the September 1948.

From

The Secretary.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Development Department,
Fort St. George, MADRAS.

Subject: SCHEME FOR ~~RESEARCH ON PESTS~~ Control of field and storage pests OF PADDY IN MADRAS.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. Ms. 4108 dated the 6t August 1948, I am directed to ~~request you to plea~~ say that the scheme cited above, was considered by the relevant Committees and the Advisory Board of the Council at their meetings held in October 1948 and January 1949 respectively. Relevant extracts from the proceedings are enclosed for information. The Governing Body accepted the recommendation of the Advisory Board and did not sanction the scheme.

Yours faithfully

Sd/. for Secretary.

Extracts from the Proceedings of the Advisory Meeting held 1949.

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Subject No. 44 : PADDY INSECT PESTS, MADRAS - NEW SCHEME.

The Entomology Committee observed as follows in regard to the future technical programme of paddy pets in Madras.

PADDY STEM BERER: The reasons for the moths not being attracted to light traps during the pe iods of their high emergencies should be carefully investigated. With regard to this pest, as well as the paddy gall fly, the Committee suggested that accurate observations on the intensity of light used should be stated and that coloured lights should also be tested. The latter sould be easily done by the use of coloured paper, collophane or cloth. The work indicated under rice pest fell more under plant protection than in the sphere of research.

RATS: The Committee considered that the programme of research given needed modification. Some good raticides were already known but the important thing was to determine some suitable carriers and attractants, which should be available for use under different conditions.

STORED PESTS: Much work on the lines indicated in the scheme has already been done and advantage should be taken of it.

STAFF: Regarding the staff, the Committee was of the opinion that the work should be started in two regions only instead of four and the staff reduced accordingly.

The Food Grains Committee suggested the same line of action as proposed in the case of the Bihar Scheme, since both were identical schemes. Further ~~thi~~ in this case it was suggested that the measures for the control of pests of the stored rice should first be attempted on village unit system and then followed up on a large scale.

Introducing the report in the Advisory Board, Dr. Pruthi recalled that last year, at the instance of the Council, the ~~proces~~ provinces were asked to submit schemes of research on insect pests of paddy. Schemes had come from two or three centres and this one was from Bihar. The Scientific Committee felt that in this proposal research work had been mixed up with development work and recommended that it be referred back to Bihar. In the revised scheme, the reductions were impressive and he thought that the best course would be to have it sanctioned in principle and to call for a technical programme immediately for examination before work was taken up.

Dr. J.N, Mukherjee wanted to know the steps taken to apply the knowledge already available in respect of the various localities. It was a question of principle. Secondly, he desired that steps should be taken to study the basic inter-relationship of different insects and their importance to other crops. He found that different bodies (e.g. the Commodity Committees) were attempting to investigate one pest affecting different crops. It was necessary to avoid duplication.

Dr. Uppal was of the opinion that the Bihar and Madras Schemes involved work which the Provincial Governmentsw were expected to do. If the centre was expected to do all the work of the Provincial Governments, the latter would have nothing to do.

Dr. Pruthi admitted that the scheme was of local interest but added that the Council had already sanctioned three such schemes. If Dr. Uppal's objections was to be considered, 75 per cent of the schemes financed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research were of this nature.

Dr. Uppal mentioned that Bombay had not submitted one single scheme of this type, and he would be prepared to withdraw any such schemes if already sent to the Council. This was the work of the Provincial Gov Department of Agriculture. These minor schemes should not be financed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research as otherwise the Council would not have funds for financing any all India Schemes.

Tho Board felt that this scheme was of purely procinvial nature and that it should not be financed by the Council. The Board also desired that other schemes on these lines should be taken over by the Provinces themselves even if the Council had already considered them and allotted funds.

These remarks applied also th the Madras Scheme on the subject (No.44).

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N.F.7-8/49.PPS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Ministry of Agriculture.

New Delhi, dated the 2nd July 1949.

From

S.R. Maini, Esquire, P.C.S.,
Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture,
Government of India.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Development Department, Madras.

Subject: SCHEME FOR THE RESEARCH ON PESTS OF PADDY IN MADRAS

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 5924-A.II/48.4 dated the 18th May 1949, on the subject mentioned above and to say that according to the existing rules, research scheme in the Provinces are not eligible for financial assistance from the Central Government as Grow More Food Schemes. It is regretted that the Government of India cannot sanction any grant in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/.Dy.Secretary.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Development Department.

Memorandum No. 5825-A1/49.6 dated the 13th July 1949.

Sub: AGRICULTURE - Schemes for research on pets of paddy in Madras Province.
Ref: From the Director of Agriculture, No. L.1. 236/48 dated the 18th May 1948.
~~From the~~ This Government's letter No. 5924-A1/49.4 dated the 18th May 1949 to the Government of India.

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A copy of the letter No. F-7-8/49-PPS dated the 2nd July 1949 received from the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, in reply to this Government's letter cited is communicated to the Director of Agriculture.

2. The Director of Agriculture is requested to state whether it will be necessary to work the scheme from Provincial Funds or whether it may be deferred for the present.

Sd/.
Deputy Secretary to Government

To the Director of Agriculture (with enclosure).

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Development Department.

Letter (No. 5824-A11/48.4. Dated, the 18th May 1949.

From

M.T. Raju, Esq., Bar-at-Law, I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
~~Indian Council of Agricultural Research~~, Min. of Agricultu
NEW DELHI.

Sir,

Sub: AGRICULTURE --Scheme for research on pets of paddy in Madras.
Ref: Your letter No. F7.8/48-PPS dated the 23rd March 1948
This Government's letter No. 35963-A1/48.2 dated the 3rd July 1948.

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I am directed to invite a reference to paragraph 1 of this Government's letter cited, and to state that the Scheme of Research on pests of paddy referred to therein was forwarded to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research for sanction of 50 per cent of the expenditure involved therein. But the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has expressed the view that the scheme is of purely Provincial nature and therefore it should not be financed by the Council.

2, I am to enclose a copy of the scheme and to state that the Government of Madras is of the opinion that it should be treated as a part of the Scheme No. 9 of the Grow More Food five year plan of this Government relating to pests and diseases of crops which is eligible for the usual grant from the Government of India.

3. I am to request that the approval of the Government of India to treat the scheme as aGrow More Food scheme eligible for central grant may kindly be obtained and communicated to this Government at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

M.T. RAJU
Secretary to Government.

Copy to the Director of Agriculture Madras.

From
R.M. Sundaram, Esq., I.C.S.,
Director of Agriculture,
Chepauk, MADRAS.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Food Department,
Madras.

No. L.1.1192/49 dated the 26th July 1949.

Sir,

Sub: PESTS AND DISEASES - Control of Scheme for research on pets of paddy in Madras Province.
Ref: Government Development Department Memorandum No.5824-A11/49.1 dated the 13th July 1949.

The four regional Crop and Plant Protection Officers have been instructed to, to try new pesticides, put in the market from time to time, in addition to conducting campaigns against pests and diseases with known remedial.

In view of this, the scheme under reference may be deferred, as suggested.

Sd/. M. KANTIRAJ
for Director of Agriculture.

/True copy/

Office Assistant,
Madras Record Office, Egmore.